

REMARKS

The office action of April 17, 2007 and the Advisory Action of October 1, 2007 have been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1, 2 and 6-8 are objected to for containing various informalities.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to David.

Finally, it is noted that claims 6-8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In view of the Examiner's objection to and rejections of the claims, applicant has canceled claims 1-5 and amended claims 6-8.

Applicant has amended claims 6-8 to incorporate the changes proposed by the Examiner. With these changes it is respectfully

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submitted that the objection to claims 6-8 for containing informalities is overcome and should be withdrawn.

With the cancellation of claims 1-5 it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is overcome and should be withdrawn.

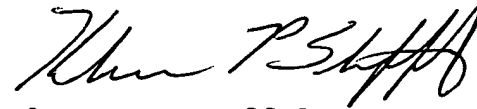
With Examiner's indication that claims 6-8 would be allowable if amended to correct the informalities pointed out by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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